

Midlands Regional Brass Band Committee
2026 CONTEST INFORMATION
BEDWORTH CIVIC HALL, BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE

SATURDAY 7TH MARCH 2026 – THIRD SECTION – 15 Bands - *Adjudicators – Jack Capstaff & Stan Lippeatt*

The FIRST DRAW will take place in the Contest Control Room at 9.00 am, and the band drawn number one to be on stage to commence at 10.00 a.m. with the National Anthem. The SECOND DRAW will take place at 11.00 a.m.

SATURDAY 7TH MARCH 2026 - FIRST SECTION – 15 Bands - *Adjudicators – Mark Wilkinson & Paul Norley*

The FIRST DRAW will take place in the Contest Control Room at 1.00 p.m., and the Section will commence at the completion of the Third Section at approximately 2.30 p.m. The SECOND DRAW will take place at 3.00 p.m.

SUNDAY 8TH MARCH 2026- FOURTH SECTION – 14 Bands – *Adjudicators – Paul Norley & Stan Lippeatt*

The FIRST DRAW will take place in the Contest Control Room at 9.00 a.m. and the band drawn number one to be on stage to commence at 10.00 a.m. with the National Anthem. The SECOND DRAW will take place at 11.00 a.m.

SUNDAY 8TH MARCH 2026 – CHAMPIONSHIP SECTION – 12 Bands – *Adjudicators – Robert Childs & Andrea Price*

The DRAW will take place in the Contest Control Room at 1.30 p.m. and the Section will commence at the completion of the Fourth Section at approximately 2.30 p.m.

SUNDAY 15TH MARCH 2026 – SECOND SECTION – 13 Bands - *Adjudicators – Stan Lippeatt & Mark Wilkinson*

The FIRST DRAW will take place in the Contest Control Room at 10.00 am and the band drawn number one to be on stage to commence at 11.00 am with the National Anthem. The SECOND DRAW will take place at 11.30 a.m.

ON ARRIVAL – THE FRONT DOORS AT THE CIVIC HALL WILL OPEN AT 8.45 A.M.

PARKING – PAY & DISPLAY car park at the rear of the Civic Hall (does take a card)

COACHES – Bayton Road Industrial Estate, Colliery Lane, Exhall, West Midlands, CV7 9NW. There are no restrictions and there is room for plenty of coaches: it is a 3 minute drive from The Civic Hall. Coaches may only drop off at the back of the Civic Hall (there is room for 4 coaches to drop off at the same time) and then return to collect when the Band has finished playing. ON NO ACCOUNT SHOULD COACHES REMAIN PARKED AT THE BACK OF THE CIVIC HALL – PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR COACH COMPANIES/DRIVERS ARE AWARE OF THIS.

BAND ASSEMBLY AREA – is on the First Floor, from the foyer take the stairs on the left or the lift. The assembly area is for players, conductors and chaperones. You will be given an arrival time at the draw, **only 6 Bands can be accommodated in the assembly area at any one time, please do not arrive earlier.** **PLEASE ARRIVE IN UNIFORM, OTHER THAN YOUR BAND JACKET, DO NOT CHANGE IN THE ASSEMBLY AREA – PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL OF YOUR PLAYERS ARE AWARE OF THIS RULE.** Access to the stage from Band Assembly is by stairs or a lift you will be collected from Band assembly by a steward. Please remove instruments, uniforms etc from Assembly, immediately after you have played.

30 BANDPERSONS WRISTBANDS & DELEGATES CARD – are available on the day for collection just inside the Main Entrance, these should be collected and signed for by the band's authorised representative. Please retain the Delegates Card to obtain the remarks at the conclusion of the section. Wristbands must be **worn** and shown before players will be allowed on stage to play. PROGRAMMES AT A COST OF £5 WILL ALSO BE ON SALE AT THIS DESK, CASH OR CARD and ticket exchange for wristbands will also be available at this desk.

AUDITORIUM – wristbands **worn** by players will allow you access to the auditorium to listen to other bands (seats will not be numbered this year). In the unlikely event that the auditorium gets full, your wristband does not automatically guarantee you entry to the auditorium. We will be allowed to open the auditorium doors for the results, but all fire exits must be kept clear.

CONTEST CONTROL / DRAW only one delegate per Band – First Floor. The committee has again utilised a split draw system for ALL SECTIONS EXCEPT the CHAMPIONSHIP SECTION, and Secretaries have been advised. Draw Delegates please be present 10 minutes before the stated draw time to receive all contest information. Bands are requested to advise the Contest Controller at the draw, if they have players requiring assistance

REGISTRATION – will be backstage and there is a ramp directly onto the stage

BORROWED PLAYERS - FIRST to FOURTH SECTIONS – forms should have been submitted to the Regional Secretary by the cut off date Friday 27th February 2026 – **PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR BORROWED PLAYERS HAVE THEIR REGISTRATION CARDS WITH THEM FOR STAMPING**

ADJUDICATORS – the seats in the auditorium are tiered and the Adjudicators Box will be on the flat between tiered seating and the stage

PERCUSSION Large items of percussion are being provided for the use of competing bands and maintained on stage by Ian Matthews of GI Percussion of Huddersfield. Please hand in your percussion plan at the appropriate Draw if you haven't already sent it to me. Bands are to use these items supplemented by their own equipment, as required by the score, but are reminded that the four-minute rule will apply.

RESULTS The results of each section and presentation of awards will be announced at the conclusion of that section. Prize winning bands are reminded to ensure that they have an adult representative to accept and sign for awards. They must sign and accept the trophies on the basis that they are insured and kept in safe custody to be returned to the Regional Trophy Officer by the end of January 2027 – AT THE LATEST.

SAFEGUARDING - The Midland Regional Committee have a BOPA in place for each of the Contest days. Please remember to bring your completed forms for each of the children playing in your Band. Chaperones not playing in the Band will be allowed back stage, they will be seated on the front row of the auditorium by our Safeguarding Officer and will leave when the Band have played. You will be asked by our Safeguarding Officer if you have your paperwork with you BUT you only have to produce this information should there be a check by BBE or Warwickshire County Council.

TRADE STANDS Larch Music (ground floor) & Blossom Hill Cards (1st Floor) Muremo (1st Floor)

TICKETS – are on sale now direct from the Bedworth Civic Hall website, these are all un-numbered seats. If you have pre bought your ticket this will be exchanged for a wristband on arrival either at the Box Office or the desk at the bottom of the stairs (wristbands must be **worn** for fire regulations). The Box Office will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. **I would strongly recommend you book your ticket in advance from the website to avoid queues at the Box Office, they are e-tickets (and will be exchanged as above).** **THERE IS NO ACCESS TO THE AUDITORIUM WITHOUT A WRISTBAND**

BAR – The bar at the Civic Hall will be open all day. There is a Wetherspoons round the corner from the Civic Hall and several places to eat including a food van outside the Civic Hall. There will be no EATING, DRINKING OR FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY, VIDEO TAPING OR RECORDING within the performing areas, and please ensure all MOBILE PHONES REMAIN SWITCHED OFF. **SMOKING & VAPING IS NOT ALLOWED ANYWHERE ON THE SITE**

FIRST AID – there will be trained First Aid staff at the Civic Hall over all 3 days of the Contest.

With best wishes to all the Bands competing at the Midland Regional Championships 2026

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